

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting March 18th, 2009

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 18th' 2009, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members – Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Supt – John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott. Members not present were: Linc Baro and Kelly Cox.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the February 18th, 2009, meeting was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for March 18th, 2009, was made by Synda Waters and seconded Don Oeth. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Encumbered Funds towards 2009 projects-
Wading Pool L&W Construction - \$34,000.00

Mr. Tate stated there is still no money available to complete any of the projects. Mr. Tate stated the wading pool project needs to be started now to be ready for the upcoming pool season. L & W is ready to start. Mr. Tate stated the Parks Department still owes L&W construction \$6,000.00 for the work that was completed last year. Mr. Ron Bennett stated if the property taxes go out in April, the land owners will have 30 days to pay their taxes. If the property taxes go out in April the Park's Department could have money by mid to late May. Mrs. Synda Waters proposed to pay L & W the \$6,000.00 the Park's Department owes from last year, and then guarantee by July the department will be able to pay for this project. Mr. Tate stated we could transfer up to 10,000.00 from the soccer fund to pay L&W. The Board all agreed the work should be done now, and approved the transfer of soccer funds. Mr. Tate stated he will contact L & W and see when they can get started.

2. **MVYB mowing**- Mr. Tate submitted the bids to mow and weed eat for MVYB. After submitting the bids MVYB approached Mr. Tate again and asked if the department would prepare the ball-fields before games. Mr. Tate stated the only problem with this is when it rains we have trouble getting our own fields prepared. Mr. Tate told MVYB that we could, but we would charge them double when it rains, also the MVYB Board may have to come out to the ballpark and help prepare the fields in such weather conditions. Mr. Tate stated by the Park & Recreation's next Board meeting he will have more information on this issue.

3. Indiana Municipal Insurance Program- Mr. Tate stated this project is still on hold do to not having the funds available. Mr. Don Oeth asked if this project is being done to protect the city. Mr. Tate stated the insurance recommends having the diving boards tested. Mrs. Synda Waters asked if they want to inspect the ladder or the board, Mr. Tate stated it is the base and the base does have rust on it. As stated at last months meeting Apex engineering met Mr. Tate at Brittlebank swim pool and suggested two options. The first was to replace the existing stands or second to contact Hanson Testing. Mr. Tate stated to have Hanson Testing perform the inspection on the base would cost \$750.00. Apex Engineering fees were \$2,050.00 Mr. Don Oeth stated there was no need to involve the Apex engineering firm. The Parks Board would like Mr. Tate to call Hanson and see if they would come and test the board. Mr. Tate stated Hanson may not come down, due to professional courtesy.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was discussed at this time.

Motion was made to adjourn by Synda Waters and seconded by Don Oeth.
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday,
April 15th, 2009, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.